

Bay Delta Conservation Plan Review Document Comment Form

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	2	3.6	16	Adaptive Management - The document fails to describe how monitoring will be designed to establish cause and effect relationships between implementation of specific conservation measures and the type and magnitude of human impacts from those measures such as economic and public safety.	
	2	3.6	25	Document gives examples of a tidal marsh restoration project being reduced or discontinued or water operation being modified if its providing little benefit to covered species, however it does not explain what will happen if a habitat project or water operation results in causing economic or physical harm to humans in the Delta.	
				Following are examples of potential negative human impacts that could occur as a result of implementation of habitat restoration projects or altered water operations:	
				1) Water operations and/or restoration project results in lowering water elevations in the North Delta sloughs/channels and landowners can't divert water as its below their diversion facility's elevation.	
				2) Delta homes with wells have their water become too salty for human use and there's no alternative municipal water supply available. Or if source is available at what cost and who pays? What if drinking water for cities such as Stockton or Rio Vista become too salty for drinking? This is a significant public health problem.	
				3) What if water too salty for farming in Delta? Agriculture is the main economic driver of the region.	
				4) What if tidal marshes result in growth in significant populations of mosquitoes and they transfer diseases to the	

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